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2. SUMMARY: WE MET MAY 2ND WITH THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA, ETIENNE SENGEGERA, TO GET HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT RWANDAN SITUATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE ROLE THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU IS PLAYING. SENGEGERA SAID THAT MOBUTU HAD BEEN ASKED TO REVIVE HIS ROLE AS MEDIATOR BY THE GOR AND BY THE RPF, BUT THAT THE RPF WAS NOW DENYING ANY APPROACH TO MOBUTU. SENGEGERA SAID THAT MOBUTU'S ROLE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY CONTRADICT THE

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OAU-SPONSORED EFFORT AND THAT UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BOBOH HAD ASKED TO SEE MOBUTU. SENEGERA INSISTED THAT THE RPF WAS GUILTY OF MASSIVE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS IN RWANDA AND THAT THE GOR WAS UNJUSTLY BLAMED. END SUMMARY.

3. SENEGERA TOLD US ON MAY 2ND THAT MOBUTU WAS INVOLVED IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE RWANDAN CRISIS, HAVING BEEN CALLED TO REACTIVATE HIS MEDIATION BY THE GOR. A DELEGATION OF THE GOR CAME TO GBADOLITE TO MEET MOBUTU ON APRIL 16TH TO EXPLAIN THEIR SIDE OF THE SITUATION. THE DELEGATION WAS COMPOSED OF DR CASIMIR BIZIMUNGU (MINISTER OF HEALTH), AMB. SENEGERA, AND LTCOL EPHRAM SETAKO.

4. MOBUTU WAS ALSO CONTACTED BY THE RPF AND THEY SENT A DELEGATION TO GBADOLITE ON APRIL 19TH. THAT DELEGATION CONSISTED OF PASTOR BIZIMUNGU AND JEAN BOSCO BUTERA. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS THEN, A DRAFT CEASE-FIRE DECLARATION WAS PREPARED. IT WAS TO BE SIGNED ON APRIL 23RD AT GBADOLITE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, TO BE FOLLOWED BY NEGOTIATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, ALTHOUGH THE GOF SENT A

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DELEGATION TO GBADOLITE FOR THE SIGNING, THE RPF DID NOT. SENEGERA SAID THAT THE RPF NOW CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH MOBUTU NOR TO HAVE SEEN THE DRAFT CEASE-FIRE DECLARATION.

5. AMB. SENEGERA SAID THE GOR DELEGATION LEFT ZAIRE ON APRIL 26TH FOR DAR VIA NAIROBI. WHILE PASSING THROUGH NAIROBI, THEY MET UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BOBOH. BOBOH HAS ASKED TO SEE MOBUTU, AND MOBUTU HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE HIM, BUT THE MEETING HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE.

6. SENEGERA SAID HE DID NOT THINK ZAIRE WOULD EXPECT TO SEND TROOPS INTO RWANDA, BOTH BECAUSE THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN ZAIRE WAS NOT APPROPRIATE, AND BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH MOBUTU'S ROLE AS MEDIATOR.

7. SENEGERA CLAIMED TO SEE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THE MOBUTU MEDIATION ATTEMPT AND THAT BEING CONDUCTED IN TANZANIA. THERE IS PRESUMABLY SOME COORDINATION (OR, AT LEAST, RECIPROCAL AWARENESS OF MOVES), BECAUSE PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL COUNSELOR NGBANDA RECENTLY TOOK A LETTER FROM MOBUTU TO KAMPALA, NAIROBI AND DAR. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE, THE LETTER CALLED FOR A CEASEFIRE, NON-INTERFERENCE AND A REGIONAL SOLUTION.

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8. SENEGERA GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING A HARD-LINE HUTU. WHILE APPARENTLY TORN BY THE ANGUISH OF HIS COUNTRY, HE INSISTED THAT AT LEAST AS MUCH KILLING WAS TAKING PLACE IN RPF AREAS AND THAT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WAS UNJUSTIFIABLY BLAMED. HE INSISTED AGAIN THAT THE BELGIANS (OR AT LEAST SOME BELGIANS) WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR

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THE SHOOTING DOWN OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE.

9. CALLING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DELIVER THE DEMARCHE OBJECTING TO ANY ARMS TRANSFERS TO RWANDA (REPORTED SEPTTEL), WE WERE TOLD THAT NEITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS INVOLVED IN MOBUTU'S MEETINGS OVER RWANDA IN GBADOLITE. THIS DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS SENEGERA WHO SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MPINGA WAS PRESENT WHEN HE WAS THERE WITH THE GOR DELEGATION. (THE MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION FOR THIS CONTRADICTION IS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOT INVOLVED AND NOT INFORMED.)

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10. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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